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SUBJECT: RUDD OPTIMISTIC ON COPENHAGEN AFTER LEADERS

BREAKFAST

Classified By: CDA Daniel Clune for reasons 1.4 (b/d).

¶1. (S/NF) PM Rudd was happy with the climate change breakfast for APEC leaders in Singapore and believes that engagement by leaders will be necessary to get a positive result at Copenhagen. The PM, who had returned from Malaysia earlier in the morning, told Charge at a national prayer breakfast November 16 that he and Mexican President Calderon pushed for the breakfast, attended by Danish PM Rasmussen, to put pressure on PRC President Hu Jintao.

¶2. (S/NF) Rudd said that the Copenhagen process led by officials is facing serious roadblocks. The APEC leaders, including Hu Jintao, agreed at the breakfast on a "leaders-led" process that Rudd assesses as the only chance for a successful Copenhagen outcome. This would not produce a full-blown treaty, but rather a framework agreement along the lines the PM said he had discussed with Secretary Clinton. Rudd said that the goal would be to produce some form of a treaty in the six months after Copenhagen, which he argued fit in well with the President's legislative timetable. Rudd said he is optimistic that such an approach could work, while acknowledging that it will require great effort and commitment by leaders.

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